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Clover Chatter

Fair Wrap-up

The Jodies' Buzz:



We would like to thank all of our 4-H volunteers, parents, youth, superintendents, and the Bay County Fair Board for helping to make the 2011 Fair a huge success! Fair would not be possible without the dedication of all of you who take time out of your busy schedules to volunteer. Thank you for working together on this wonderful event for the youth of Bay County.

Thank You 2011 Superintendents

Thank you to the 2011 Bay County 4-H superintendents for their hard work all year long and, especially, during the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition! Your dedication to improving the program and educating our 4-H youth, parents, and volunteers is greatly appreciated.

★ Mary Jo Brandt	★ Michael Earl Meier	★ Joann Jasman
★ Gordon DuBay	★ Amy Sylvester	★ Ami Stender
★ Melissa Meier	★ Marc Irish	★ Michelle Field

Thank You Ring Helpers

We would like to thank the many people who helped to make the large animal livestock shows happen. These individuals risk their arms and legs as they battle fighting pigs, spooked steers, and even some run-away lambs. Without your help we would be taking on those challenging experiences by ourselves!

Kettunen Center Workshops

There are several upcoming workshops taking place at Kettunen Center. Attached to this newsletter you will find a list of workshops. Remember that the Bay County 4-H Advisory Council offer scholarships to help off-set the cost of attending such workshops.

Kettunen Center is a full-service conference/retreat facility, owned and operated by the Michigan 4-H Foundation. It is located outside Tustin, Michigan, just 20 minutes south of Cadillac. Kettunen Center is a focal point for statewide 4-H leader training and development. They offer programs and services which reflect the values of 4-H. Situated on 160 acres of northern Michigan rolling hills and forests on Center Lake, Kettunen Center provides beauty, serenity, and tranquility in a natural setting with many opportunities to unwind and explore while taking care of business.

Buyer Thank You

Bay County 4-H would like to thank the many buyers that supported the Bay County 4-H Livestock Auction. Attached is a complete list of all of the 2011 Livestock Auction Buyers.

2012 Bay County Fair

Mark your calendars now for the 2011 Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition! It will take place August 7 through 11, 2012.

Fair Board Meeting and Events

The date of the next Bay County Fair Board meeting is on Tuesday, September 11, 2011, at 7:15 p.m. at the Canteen Building on the Bay County Fairgrounds.

Michigan 4-H Scholarships

New information on Michigan 4-H scholarships will be available soon. Please be sure to bookmark <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/scholar.html> and check the site often for the latest scholarship information.

Superintendent Rules, Guidelines, and Applications

Superintendent applications will be due to MSU Extension - Bay County by 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2011.

Barn Improvement Committee Meeting

The Livestock Association has formed a committee to review barn improvement project for the upcoming year. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at MSU Extension - Bay County. The group will be looking into the prospective projects for each barn and the funds we have to use. Everyone who has an interest in improving the barns is welcome to attend.

Livestock Officer Elections

The 2011-2012 Livestock Association officer elections will take place at the September 15, 2011, Livestock Association meeting. If you are interested in taking on a leadership role be sure to attend the September meeting.

Bay County 4-H Soup Supper

4-H families save the date for the Bay County 4-H Advisory Council Soup Supper on Saturday, November 5, 2011, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the location to be announced. Look for more detailed information in the next edition of the *Clover Chatter*.

4-H Advisory Council News

September District Meeting

The next Advisory Council meeting will be the districts meetings and elections of officers. If you are interested in joining the 4-H Advisory Council, please plan to attend this meeting at MSUE on

September 22, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.
Regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

November/December Meeting

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the November/December 4-H Advisory Council meeting on December 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at MSU Extension - Bay County. This will be a potluck meeting.

4-H Winter Workshop

Attention 4-H leaders the Bay County 4-H Advisory Council is looking for volunteers to teach sessions at 4-H Winter Workshop this winter. We are looking for fun and exciting creative projects that kids can make and take home. Contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026 if you would like to volunteer.

Office Closed

The MSU Extension office will be closed on the following dates:
Friday, November 11, 2011, in observance of Veterans Day.
Thursday, November 24 - 25, 2011, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Youth Awards Banquet

Save the date for the 2012 Youth Awards Banquet. The banquet will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2012, at the Canteen Building on the Bay County Fairgrounds. All members, leaders, and 4-H families are invited to attend. The meal and awards are sponsored by the 4-H Advisory Council. Award application forms will be out soon. Watch for them on our Website in the coming month.

Dynamite Reasons to Attend State 4-H Weekend Training Workshops:

- ◆ Participants receive a professionally conducted training experience, guided by experts from Michigan State University Extension and many other organizations.
- ◆ Participants learn practical skills to increase their employability.
- ◆ People become energized and inspired to teach and advise children in their home communities.
- ◆ Good ideas in one county are transformed into good ideas in other counties.
- ◆ Volunteers and teens have the opportunity to help create new statewide programs, thereby spreading educational opportunities to many youth.
- ◆ These workshops add quality and consistency to 4-H programs across Michigan's diverse communities.
- ◆ The accommodations include modern buildings, quality food service, and acres of forest, waterfront and wetlands.
- ◆ Interested donors pay most of the cost for the best training anywhere!

Upcoming State-Wide Events

Listed below are the September events. More information and the remaining 2011 events can be found on the Michigan 4-H Website at <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/>

September:

Great Lakes Yearling Sale

Date: September 10-11, 2011

Location: MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI

Block and Bridle Little International Show

Date: September 20-25, 2011

Location: MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI

More Information: A chance for MSU students to "adopt-an-animal" for a week. Students spend the week taking care of and working with their animals then showcase their showmanship skills on Sunday.

Multi-County Beef Workshop

Date: September 21, 2011

Location: Ogemaw County

Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5/person

Fairgrounds Pavilion

More Information: Focus on selection, management, nutrition and health of your 4-H beef projects.

Audience: Youth and their parents, 4-H leaders, Extension personnel, agriculture/science/FFA teachers, and others interested in beef production.

Apple Blossom Classic Open Show

Date: September 24-25, 2011

Location: MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI

More Information: All breed open horse show that offers guaranteed sweepstakes classes as well as age group classes for Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunt Seat Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, and Western Pleasure competitors.

Buckskin in Congress Horse Show

Date: September 30 - October 2, 2011

Location: MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI

More Information: Three ABRA judges are hired to judge this three and a half day show hailing exhibitors and horses not only from Michigan but from all over the U.S. to include Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Canada.

4-H Bazaar

Mark your calendars for the second annual 4-H Bazaar on November 12, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bay County Community Center.

4-H clubs can sign-up for a table for only \$10 and \$15 for non 4-Her's. This is a great way to support 4-H Advisory Council and raise money, too.



September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 MSUE Office Closed for Labor Day	6	7 Bylaw review meeting 6:00 p.m. MSUE	8	9	10 Great Lakes Yearling Sale MSU Pavilion
11 Fair Board Meeting 7:15 PM Canteen Fairgrounds Great Lakes Yearling Sale MSU Pavilion	12	13	14 Barn Improvement Committee Meeting 6:00 PM MSUE	15 Livestock Association 7:00 p.m. Canteen Bldg. and Election of officers Superintendent apps due to MSUE 5 PM	16	17
18	19	20 Block and Bridle Little Intl. Show MSU Pavilion	21 Block and Bridle Little Intl. Show MSU Pavilion Multi-County Beef Wkshp Ogemaw County	22 District Meetings 5:30 p.m. and 4-H Council 6:00 p.m. MSUE Block and Bridle Little Intl. Show MSU Pavilion	23 Block and Bridle Little Intl. Show MSU Pavilion	24 Block and Bridle Little Intl. Show MSU Pavilion
25 Block and Bridle Little Intl. Show MSU Pavilion	26	27	28	29	30 Buck Skin Congress Horse Show MSU Pavilion	

TSC Paper Clover Promotion

The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) store in Bay City is joining efforts with 4-H again to support local youth through the TSC Paper Clover Campaign. This is a national in-store fundraising effort to benefit state and local 4-H programming. Beginning September 21, through October 2, 2011, shoppers at the Bay City TSC store will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Bay County by purchasing paper clovers for just \$1 at the checkout. Thank you in advance for your support of TSC and 4-H.



October



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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Fair Board Meeting Fair Board Office Fairgrounds	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Livestock Association 7:00 p.m. Canteen Bldg. and Election of Superintendents	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 4-H Council 6:00 p.m. MSUE	28	29
30	31 Halloween					

National 4-H Week

Celebrate National 4-H Week with your club. National 4-H Week is October 2-8, 2011. This is a great week to get your club together and do a project to celebrate the great things that happen in the 4-H youth program.

